

Living Our Mission: A Letter from the Chairman

The end of summer and start of a new school year is often a great time to look back at the first half of the year, as well as forward to new beginnings and fresh starts. This turned out to be a theme at our most recent LLB meeting that included a report from our interim Executive Director, Tim Geisert, that started, "much has been done, yet much remains." As we looked back on all that has happened in the first half (or so) of 2018, much has been done. With the work of campus expansion south and the behind-the-scenes work and discussion that stemmed from the UnStuck group that came alongside our staff, there has been a lot of work done. The staff at Christ has been working very hard and striving to improve the operation, experience, and reach of Christ to our members and those we have yet to reach. There has been clarity attained in mission, vision, and values, progress made in staff structure, budgetary management, technology, and human resources, and actually much more. So much of this work and effort goes on behind the scenes and without much thanks.

In my role with the Lay Leadership Board, I, along with the other members of our board, have been able to come alongside the staff and leaders of this church and see the effort, dedication, struggle and commitment they have to make this place better. We thank the staff at Christ for their dedication and work. We also see the amount of work that is yet to come as we bring on a full-time executive director to lead the operations, plan for what's next at our central campus and beyond, improve our school, our foundation, fundraising operations, and most of all, live out our mission as a church body.

We look forward with great anticipation to what is coming up, and personally invite you to join us as some of the fruits of this labor are unveiled to you all starting with the fall kick-off on Sunday, August 12, which we are calling "Living Our Mission Sunday." It will be a Sunday full of excitement that you won't want miss as the pastors and staff will share our ministry plans of "Connecting people to Christ, and together, growing in HIS word."

We look forward to seeing you then.

Blessings,

Torin Berge

Chairman, Lay Leadership Board